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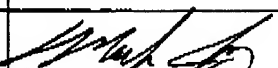
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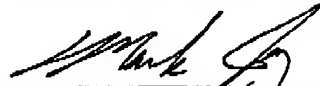
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In response to the Notice of Allowance dated January 13, 2005, to the extent the Examiner's statement differs from a mere restatement of the claim language, Applicants traverse these statements. Applicants further traverse the statements and reasoning of the Examiner insofar as it would lead to or suggest, if at all, an interpretation of the claimed invention different from the full extent of claim scope afforded thereto by the established law in the absence of the statement of the reasons for allowance.

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